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Minden Hills Coun. Pam Sayne inspects the area of Peck Street and Anson Street on Monday, May 22 shortly after volunteer firefighters had laid sandbags by the snowmobile and pedestrian bridge. She lifts a sandbag along with resident Mike Stinson. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

State of emergency declared in Minden

By Lisa Gervais

After living on McKnight Street in Minden for 30 years, Keith Hardy is used to spring flooding.

The road that runs between Anson Street and Bobcaygeon Road is closed as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has changed conditions on the Gull River to

a flood warning, from a flood watch.

Yesterday, a state of emergency was declared.

Hardy got his tin boat out on Monday in case he couldn't drive because of the rising waters surrounding his property. He also moved items from outside sheds offsite of the property.

"It's just very disappointing," an admittedly exhausted Hardy said with a sigh. "But we knew it was going to come."

The township called a press conference yesterday.

"We encourage residents to take necessary precautions to protect personal safety and property," Mayor Brent Devolin said. "In

the event of an emergency call 911."

The township said the outflow of water on Horseshoe Lake, through the Gull River, will continue to increase until Friday afternoon.

River levels are expected to increase a further 13cm, approaching 2017 water levels.

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Water levels could peak on Friday

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"Water levels will continue to rise due to snow melt in the upper reaches of the Gull River watershed, and will remain high, as water is being moved down through reservoir lakes upstream of Minden; which are reaching capacity," the township said.

Water is flooding low lying areas along McKnight, Invergordon, Prince, Anson, St. Germaine Street, Orde Street, Hospitality Road, Spring Valley Road, Ritchie Falls Road, Mark Twain Road, Salerno Lake Road Bridge, Conway Road and Jacob's Lane.

While the Irondale and Burnt Rivers crested over the Easter weekend, the Gull River was placed into warning, from watch, about noon Tuesday.

Devolin said the emergency operations centre in Minden had also been convened as of April 23 and is meeting daily. In addition, he said they are continuing with their daily conference calls with the Trent Severn Waterway, Parks Canada, the MNRF, and other jurisdictions within the watershed.

"Obviously, we're being diligent," Devolin told the press on Tuesday.

He added that people should look for updates on mindenhillsc.ca

Further, he said sand and bags are available at Furnace Falls, the Kinmount roads shed and the lower arena parking lot. The township is also sandbagging for the public. People can call 705-286-1260 ext 211 during business hours and 1-866-856-3427 outside of business hours.

Devolin said his message to the public is "just for people to be diligent. Take it to the next level. As you can see by some of our actions with local road closures and staking those roads that are water covered, we're already keeping ahead of the curve."

He asked drivers to use caution when accessing local roads to get to their homes and asked people who don't live in those areas to stay away.

"Stay out of the water. Don't be playing hot rod. We don't need that kind of activity adding agitation. If you don't live there, stay out."

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Mayor Andrea Roberts called a newly-approved fireworks bylaw a good step forward for the municipality. Council unanimously approved the bylaw, which would limit the discharge of fireworks to only a few select holidays. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Dysart grounds fireworks Allowed only on specific holidays

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al is limiting the days in which fireworks can be used to specific holidays beginning this year.

Council voted unanimously to adopt a new fireworks bylaw during its April 23 meeting. The bylaw will prohibit the use of fireworks except for New Year's Eve and the holiday weekends for Victoria Day, Canada Day and the Civic Holiday.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said this was a direction she preferred to end a "free-for-all" with fireworks, as opposed to a total ban.

"This is a really good step forward," Roberts said. "This has been in the talk for 10 years now."

Municipal law enforcement officer Kristen Boylan said she researched similar bylaws restricting the dates for discharging fireworks, including the neighbouring Township of Minden Hills. She also noted the Canadian National Fireworks Association is not aware of any municipalities with a total ban on fireworks, instead relying on the federal regulations of fireworks sales.

Coun. John Smith said he would prefer to see a ban on fireworks in the interests of keeping harmful chemicals from them out of lakes.

"It's the accumulation of those things in our lakes and waterways that's the big issue,

in my mind," Smith said. "But I can accept council's maybe not necessarily going to go as far as I'd like to see you go."

However, Smith proposed the bylaw also ban floating lanterns, which he said can land in uncontrollable places and harm wildlife that come upon them. The idea was accepted at the council table.

Smith also recommended taking off Labour Day as one of the permitted days, which was in the original draft of the bylaw. The idea also received council support.

"I can't find a municipality other than Minden that thinks Labour Day is a fireworks occasion," Smith said.

The bylaw requires permits for any public fireworks displays, but not private ones. It also allows for a \$100 administrative penalty if anyone is found in contravention of the bylaw. However, Boylan said such fines will take time.

"I'm not necessarily going to go out and hit everyone right away," she said. "There's a lot of education and communication that needs to happen."

Roberts said the bylaw has received attention, with lots of letters of support to do something about fireworks.

She added the issue has come to council before but quickly gone away.

"This is the first time we've actually seen a specific fireworks bylaw, so I'm really pleased to see this," she said.

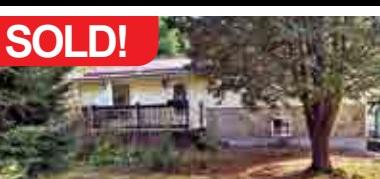
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Libraries throw the book at provincial cutbacks

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton County Public Library is grappling with the "huge loss" of the interlibrary loan service due to provincial budget cut.

The Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) announced April 18 that due to the "enormity of the cut" to its operating budget by the province, interlibrary loan delivery will end April 26. The system enabled libraries across the province to order material from other locations, allowing people remote access to bigger collections.

Library CEO Bessie Sullivan said it made a big difference for Haliburton, whose approximately 52,000-item collection is dwarfed by libraries in big cities.

"It was supposed to level the playing field between different-sized communities," Sullivan said. "It's a huge loss. That's no economic impact on us, that's a service cut."

In a statement posted by the Ontario Federation of Public Libraries, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Tibollo said the government is maintaining base funding for libraries and described the SOLS and its northern counterpart as "arms-length" agencies.

"(They) have no involvement in the day-to-day operations of Ontario public

libraries," Tibollo said. "This government will continue to maintain strong partnerships with municipal and Indigenous libraries and assist them in providing quality public services for everyone."

Sullivan questioned that characterization of the SOLS cut. "I'm going to be kind and say they didn't understand what they're cutting," Sullivan said. "It doesn't affect the day-to-day operations, that's obviously not the case."

The SOLS's provincial operating grant was \$3.3 million in 2018.

The Haliburton County Public Library borrowed 1,493 items through the interlibrary service in 2018, while sending out 1,659 items to other libraries. It represents a small fraction of the county's total circulation, which was over 160,000 in 2018.

However, collection development coordinator Sherill Sherwood said the information people seek from other libraries can be vital, such as updated building codes or health books.

"If there are people in our community who are having health issues and the titles are out of print, we've been able to get them," Sherwood said. "It's important for their quality of life."

The SOLS is also ending its courier



Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan stands with dozens of courier bags from across the province used as part of the interlibrary loan service. It's being discontinued as of April 26 due to a provincial budget cut. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

service. Sullivan said that will have an impact on the Haliburton County Library Budget, as they will now be responsible for paying to ship in new material, costs previously covered by the SOLS.

"When you're shipping giant boxes of books, it's a very expensive proposition," Sullivan said. "Something will have to give

in order to pay for that shipping."

Sullivan said the library board has yet to meet to discuss the news but the changes are challenging to plan for.

"A part of why people go to the library to work is they believe in equity of access and this seriously undermines equity of access," she said.

County transportation money parked for down the road

By Joseph Quigley

The county is keeping the transportation file parked in hopes of better opportunities down the road.

County council voted unanimously April 24 to continue to monitor rural transportation options and that they continue to be discussed as part of the 2020 budget process. The \$50,000 budgeted to continue work on transportation is also to remain unallocated.

The motion comes after the county transportation taskforce reached the end of its mandate in April and the transportation-

advocacy group Rural Transportation Options opted to go on hiatus.

Coun. Patrick Kennedy said although the county does not want to move forward with a transportation system now due to unknown costs, he does not want to see the efforts of the people who have pushed for transportation go to waste.

"Those people gave up their lives for this," Kennedy said. "There is really a need for the county to move forward with a system. Maybe today is not the right time."

He said the province and federal government are talking about rural transportation but the funding for it has not

been forthcoming.

County received a final report on a transportation implementation plan from consulted IBI Group Jan. 23. The group recommended a booked, shared ride-service but council expressed a number of concerns about the proposal, including the cost.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said the proposal also proposed to use Dysart et al's Dymo bus for the new service but the committee has indicated it wants to keep it given the success of the program.

"I've said from the outset, a door-to-door service is the only way to go," Roberts said. "I don't mind a transportation system

costing the county money, we all knew that from the outset ... but it's got to be viable."

Roberts said there has to be a match-up system in the vein of Uber.

"We should park the money and hope the technology catches up," she said.

Coun. Cec Ryall expressed concern about keeping the \$50,000 parked. But CAO Mike Rutter argued that could be advantageous if the county sets aside money for transportation each year.

"That helps startup costs, maybe it buys a bus, maybe it buys a contract for a bus," Rutter said.

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Protestors call out Scott for avoiding front door

By Lisa Gervais

Protestors ran from the front to the back of McKecks Tap and Grill Tuesday when word got out that Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott had entered the building off of York, rather than Highland Street.

Members of Concerned Citizens for Haliburton County (CCHC) and Environment Haliburton! (EH!) gathered outside the front of the venue for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast club where Scott was speaking April 23.

Only a few protestors greeted Scott out back while the main crowd remained out front.

Bonnie Roe of CCHC was one of the ones who ran to try to intercept Scott. When they arrived, the local MPP had already entered the building.

"I think our whole group is very disappointed she would not come and meet with us and at least be civil and say good morning, instead of avoiding her constituents who want to hear from her and want to greet her this morning," Roe said.

However, inside McKeeks, Scott said she did acknowledge the protestors out back.

She added she is meeting with CCHC today (Thursday, April 25). She said she had also encountered protestors at the Dysart et al municipal building when she was in Haliburton for BMO's 100th birthday celebration.

Earlier in the morning, Roe confirmed the meeting with Scott today.

The protestors gathered with signs about climate change inaction, a living wage, health care and education cuts.

Eric Lilius of EH! said the cuts have been made with minimal consultation. He decried the library cuts in particular, saying libraries are part of the quality of life in Haliburton County. In his opinion, the provincial government's attitude is, "because you elected us gives us a mandate to do whatever the hell we want." He said it mirrors what is going on in the US and fears it will lead to more privatization.

Roe said the goal of Tuesday's protest, and the group's talk with Scott today, is "that we have huge concerns about the Ford cutbacks. And they're too numerous to name. But let's face it: education; ambulances; libraries; health care; health units, it's deplorable."

"And we also want her to know that we



Placard-waving protestors stand outside the front of McKeeks Tap and Grill in Haliburton Tuesday morning awaiting the arrival of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP and Labour Minister Laurie Scott. Scott came in the back. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

need her to stand behind us as we are her constituents and we need to feel that she is working for us at Queen's Park and that's

the message."

CCHC is a group of 15-20 people who have been meeting since January.

Sidewalk to replace boat launch stairs

Dysart et al is planning for a new sidewalk around the corner to the Haliburton boat launch to replace the stairs there.

Council unanimously approved a recommendation from the infrastructure committee to not build new stairs and instead use budgeted funds to design a new sidewalk and Highland Street entrance.

The wooden stairs to the parking lot and boat launch are disintegrating according to staff, who recommended they be removed.

Coun. Larry Clarke said picking a sidewalk to replace stairs was a good decision for accessibility.

"Especially with us having one of the largest senior communities in the province, we have to respect the mobility requirements," he said.

Noise bylaw updated

Dysart et al has updated its noise bylaw in an effort to provide additional clarity on what is disallowed.

Council approved the update at its April

23 meeting after staff found the previous bylaw to be too ambiguous.

The new bylaw forbids "unreasonable noise that is clearly audible at the point of reception." Previously, the noise bylaw forbade "any noise which disrupts peace, quiet, rest, enjoyment or comfort of any person," which staff said was too broad.

Chief building official Karl Korpela said that what constitutes as unreasonable will still be partially up to the bylaw officer on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the bylaw is an improvement and could be tweaked if needed.

Culverts working as intended

Upgraded culverts are working as intended to help Dysart et al deal with road washouts, according to director of public works Rob Camelon.

Camelon reported on the ongoing efforts of the road crew to manage the spring thaw and flooding. A number of roads experienced washouts in the municipality due to flooding.

"The culverts that have been upgraded in years past due to washouts have helped out," Camelon said.

He said staff worked at two major sites at Percy Lake and one on Redstone Lake Road during flooding this past weekend. A culvert at Percy Lake will have to be replaced.

The public works department is steadily improving culverts in the municipality, he said.

"We seem to have different areas pop up every year as our infrastructure fails," Camelon said. "We're getting there."

Animal welfare worries

Dysart et al staff expressed concern regarding a letter from the province about municipal partnerships in enforcing animal welfare laws.

Council reviewed an April 8 letter sent to municipalities from solicitor general Sylvia Jones. The letter was regarding the Ontario

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) withdrawing from its current role enforcing the laws come June. Jones said municipalities will be surveyed about the current landscape of animal welfare enforcement.

"Municipalities are important partners in developing an approach that ensures effective enforcement," Jones said.

Korpela said the province seems to be suggesting municipalities could have a role to play in this enforcement.

"We don't have the resources or ability to deal with animal welfare," he said. "We'll see what happens."

(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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Voters deserve better

At 7 a.m. Tuesday, about 20 people gathered outside McKecks on Haliburton's main drag.

Representing Environment Haliburton! and the newly-formed Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County, they came to protest before a talk by MPP Laurie Scott. Scott was speaking to the chamber's breakfast club.

The placard-brandishing protestors were all older adults of the same variety. They came in peace. They knew Scott wouldn't linger but hoped she would at least see their signs - protesting climate change inaction; larger class sizes; cuts to health care; the living wage and more - and maybe even stop for a minute, exchange a few words. She didn't.

From there, stories differ and the truth likely lies somewhere in the middle.

The protestors on Highland Street ran to the back of the building. Scott was already inside. A few who'd been on the sidewalk, off of McKeeks private property, say she didn't give them the time of day. Scott says she acknowledged them.

Remember a couple of months back, in March, when Scott's office was locked to the public and media during a protest over the cancellation of the Basic Income Pilot Project? At the time, Scott said it was due to safety and confidentiality of people visiting her office. The move also came

after that same office had been vandalized last October.

It's safe to say that Scott never had to worry about break-ins and vandalism, or protestors, during her 15-or-so years in Opposition.

However, things have changed.

She is now not only a member of the Ontario government but a Cabinet minister. With that added responsibility comes increased scrutiny.

Make no doubt about it. People in Haliburton County are talking about the Ford government's sweeping changes, be they perceived good or bad.

I was at a yoga class Tuesday night and, before we started, the talk was about education and health cuts. Walking around the streets of the county this week, flooding and Ford are dominating conversations. People are talking about cuts to conservation authorities as flood waters rise. There is concern about larger class sizes. There is uncertainty and trepidation about how local health services are now going to operate. No more inter-library loans. And, what about paramedics and health units? The list goes on and on, as evidenced by the Ontario News press releases that continue to fill my email inbox.

We've been reporting on some of this. We would really need more staff to report on all of it. There have been education protests

and climate change protests. On Facebook, some readers are criticizing us for being too political. We can't help it. It's what people are talking about. And, for those who would accuse us of having Liberal or NDP leanings, we don't. We do our best to do our job without partisan politics filling our ink.

We followed the protestors Tuesday but we also stayed to report on what Scott had to say to business leaders. And, we went to the Haliburton County Home Builders Association's career day. That's one area Scott and company are doing very good work.

Scott said she believes in what her government is doing. So, she should be able to stand up and defend it, not just at a chamber breakfast, but to protestors across the riding and in front of her constituency office.

She should never forget that she serves at the pleasure of the people who elected her to Queen's Park. She may not agree with her detractors but she has to engage with them and not lock office doors or sneak in back doors. Voters deserve better.



By Lisa Gervais

Flooding festivities

As the rain kept coming down and the snow kept melting, I began to worry because the river Burnt kept rising. I glanced nervously from the kitchen window every few minutes, noting little landmarks – a rock, mole hill or stick – and the encroaching water's distance from them. And then I could take it no longer. Off to the village, to the municipal yard, to bag up sand and prepare for the worst.

I do this every spring and then every summer I am left with a large pile of bags full of sand untouched by flood waters. But the river rises so fast and its malignant power pushing through my tag alder bush is always enough to make me afraid for the worst.

However, what with me being me, as I worry, I try to put a positive spin on things. "Oh well, nice weather for ducks, easy commute for the beavers ... the sidewalks in Minden needed a good wash, I guess ... when the river goes down there'll be plenty of pools for the mosquitoes to breed in ..."

But then it struck me. We really do need to put a positive spin on our annual freshet. Floods are important. Noah gets a big

role in the Bible, doesn't he? Possibly the most exciting story, other than the big J himself and some miracles, Noah's got the action cornered. While in Egypt, folks with waterfront property on the Nile celebrate its yearly flood with a two-week holiday. Yep, two weeks of celebration. They call it Wafaa El-Nil, or the Martyr's Finger, depending upon their faith, and as miles of floodplain is sluiced with river water, the Egyptians party.

So, how about it folks? It's the perfect time of year for a party. Winter has come to an end, signaled by the rising of the waters and warming of temperatures, so what better reason to celebrate. What we need now is a name and some form of event.

The Burnt River Bulge. The Giant Gull Gurgle. Annual Drag Deluge ... just throwing ideas out there. And, while the Egyptians bathe in their flood, what say we open up the houses closest to the flood waters and hold 'hook a duck' parties to rescue folks' belongings as they float by. Paddle board races along Water Street. Pooh sticks across Maple Avenue. Woodland waterfall hunts and boat rides to see the

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By Will Jones

neighbours. If we do this properly, we could even market it to the city folks. They'd flock to High Water Haliburton or Minden-on-Sea. All we need is an Instagram page and a smile.

And there you have it, positive thinking has allayed my worrisome nature, again. I'm smiling as I'm watching the stick that was on dry land half an hour ago float off across my back yard. I'm chuckling at the insane idea of marketing a flood and I'm marveling at the Egyptians who worship their river and rebuild their mud hut homes each year after it has destroyed them.

Hang tight Minden and everyone else affected by the onslaught of spring. Soon enough warm weather will arrive and with it? Well, dryer streets and yards ... and a plague of bugs. Just don't tell the city folks. Or maybe we should market bug season. A Facebook page, Twitter account and a catchy name like, The Minden Buzz, Wings over Haliburton ...

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Time with my family.

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LETTERS

Code of conduct

Dear editor,

Thank you, J. Quigley for reporting on this very important subject. I agree with C. Ryall and S. Partridge. In fact, I believe that even before the changes were made on the Code of Conduct as recommended by the Integrity Commissioner, Harold J. Elston that the policy violates Part 1 of the Canadian Bill of Rights S.C. 1960 .C44 Part 1 Bill of Rights 1 C. freedom of speech and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act 1982 (80) Fundamental Freedoms: 2(b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and freedom of the press and other media of communication.

Have you noticed in the news and on TV the level of negative comments spoken publicly by our national politicians. Statements that have yet to be proven true or false. Every citizen has the right to speak up and speak out. Our councillors are not an exception to this freedom. To muzzle their speech is a violation of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In my opinion the Code of Conduct needs to be re-written keeping in mind The Canadian Bill of Rights and particularly our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. If you take away our freedom of speech, you take away our democracy.

Nancy Barnes
Minden

Challenging climate change denier

Dear editor,

Having attended the recent Fridays For Future, Climate Change rallies is only one of the reasons I feel I must respond to Michael Young's letter to the editor.

First, I wonder who the royal 'we' is that he refers to, who seem to have all the answers. What has been cited are generalities that lack factuality. For example, he states that one medium-sized volcanic eruption puts more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than humans do in a year. Interesting 'stat.' The very reputable, Scientific American, states that according to the U.S. Geological Survey, all the volcanoes, both on land and undersea, generate 200 million tons of CO₂ annually. On the other hand, human automotive and industrial activities generate 24 billion tons of CO₂ annually. That means volcanic emissions comprise less than one percent of those generated by human endeavors. As well, this is only one greenhouse gas that humans contribute to.

Secondly, I'd also like to point out the rallies were initiated and organized by a 16-year-old HHSS student. The events have been attended by other, younger students, who came of their own volition, sometimes alone and sometimes with supportive parents and adults. Under no circumstance were the children being 'used' as Mr. Young's letter stated.

I'm a firm believer in open dialogue and felt that the above needed to be pointed out.

Greg J. Roe
Haliburton

Grateful for help after accident

Dear editor,

On a recent sunny day in the Highlands, Haliburton County leant us a helping hand.

We were driving along Highway 118 on the way to visit our parents, when we came around a corner through the rock cut and hit a patch of black ice. Before we knew it, we were upside down, hanging by our seatbelts.

Luckily, we walked away unhurt. We witnessed the kindness of strangers and of the police, paramedics and volunteer firefighters of Minden Hills who came to our aid.

Thank you to Richard, the man who saw us crash and stopped to help. He held our dachshund, Frankie, while we crawled out of the wreckage, and he let us warm up and collect ourselves in his truck while he directed traffic.

Thank you to the man, whose name we didn't catch and who we almost hit, who also stopped to direct traffic and avoid any further accidents.

Thank you to the paramedics, police and volunteer firefighters for your quick response and professionalism. You all made an unfortunate situation less so - and we are forever grateful.

Melissa and Chris Stasiuk Clarkson
Mississauga

Cuts will create more private schools

Dear editor,

Having retired after 25-plus years as a teacher, I see these cuts as disastrous for our students. Larger classes do not make students more resilient. It makes them more poorly-educated. I know all the complaints about lazy teachers. Undoubtedly, that is true in a small percentage of cases but most teachers are dedicated and hard working.

To me, the greatest potential concern is that increased

class sizes give further cause for wealthy, white Ontario to open more private schools and send their children for elite education. Then funding gets further cut to public schools with the result being the private school student gets into the best universities and the best jobs.

It is a subtle way to ensure the wealthy continue to keep the current social structure favouring the wealthy. Crazy you say? After black students were bussed to force integration in the States, massive numbers of new private schools opened. Then the wealthy argued they were already paying for the education of their children and should not have to pay for public schools. The result ... inner city and rural schools suffered badly and rich, white kids kept the power structure intact. Ontario should be better than this

Philip Brown
Algonquin Highlands

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tracey Dyson thought it would be nice to share a picture of this majestic Bald Eagle she was lucky enough to get on their property on the Drag River, Minden Hills, off Ingoldsby Road, recently. Submitted photo.

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Planner recommends septage field

Town planner Ian Clendening is recommending the township approve zoning bylaw and Official Plan amendments so Francis Thomas Contracting can use its already ministry-approved septage spreading field off of Bobcaygeon Road in the township.

Coun. Jean Neville expressed concern about torrential rains washing septage into the wetlands. And, Coun. Pam Sayne asked about penetration into the aquifer. She wanted council to have a third-party test wells. However, Coun. Bob Carter said that was already a condition of the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).

Clendening said washouts and entering the aquifer were "seriously unlikely". He told council the site had "an exceptional quality of soil for this use."

Mayor Brent Devolin noted the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks had already issued an ECA with 34 conditions places on the Carnarvon-based company.

Council did not make a decision but one is expected at the April 25 regular council meeting.

Emergency sand and salt needed

The township has had to buy more winter sand and salt. In a report to council, roads superintendent Travis Wilson said it was due to the early onset of winter and uncharacteristic weather ever since.

He said they needed 3,000 tonnes of sand and 90 tonnes of salt. They mix a little bit of salt with the sand to prevent it from freezing.

Wilson said the 2019 budget includes \$95,000 for sand and salt. The final cost of the sand and salt was \$33,102.67 and \$11,478.95, respectively, inclusive of HST.

Council also approved spending about \$48,000 on a Raiko P15 ice pulveriser from Team Eagle Ltd., the North American distributor for the Finnish-made vehicle.

Wilson said the unit can be used during the winter to break up ice, maintain snow-packed roads, and in the summer to repair sections of loose top road.

"It does not replace a grader; however, it can be used to repair isolated areas of potholes and distortion, and ensure compliance with the Minimum Maintenance Standards," Wilson said. He told council he put \$50,000 in the 2019 budget for it.

Projects recommended for newfound money

Staff are recommending the township apply under The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the engineering and replacement of the Sedgwick Road Bridge. If successful, the money would also be put towards the rehabilitation of Sedgwick Road.

The federal government is funding 50

per cent, the province 33.33 per cent and municipalities 16.67 per cent of successful projects. They can be up to \$5 million; applications are due May 14 and projects must be done by the fall of 2026.

Wilson said the estimated cost for the replacement of the bridge is \$730,000 including engineering and HST. The estimated cost to rehabilitate the road from County Road 1 to the west side of the bridge is \$112,000 including HST. The township would have to pay \$140,361.40 of the estimated \$842,000 cost. It isn't in the 2019 budget, but Wilson suggested it could come from the roads reserve if successful.

Meanwhile, the township is recommending spending a one-time funding announcement from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on roads.

It was told March 20 it was receiving \$542,255.

In a report to council, CAO and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said she'd found out the funding is unconditional, including use for capital projects; there are no reporting requirements, although townships are encouraged to share use of the funding with the regional office; funds can be used to leverage grant applications, where permissible; and funds are expected to be distributed by the end of March 2019.

"Staff are recommending that these funds be used for roads-related projects as outlined in the initial 2019 draft budget," she said.

Township to spend \$43K on downtown spruce up

The township is going shopping with the \$43K it received last year in Main Street Revitalization funding.

It met last June with main street property owners and businesses to go over survey results from an April 2018 meeting.

The biggest chunk of money will be spent on additional planters (\$10,000). Other jobs will include: decorative lighting (\$7,000); wayfinding, signage and murals (\$6,000); Minden Mercantile bus platform (\$5,000); downtown waste receptacles (\$5,000); downtown benches (\$5,000); custom planter boxes (\$1,500); hanging baskets (\$1,500); event signage (\$1,000) and upgrading shrub beds (\$1,000).

However, there will be no business improvement area for the time being. Economic development, destination and marketing manager Emily Stonehouse is instead looking to form a business stakeholder committee.

Surplus for 2018

CAO and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard reported a nearly \$700,000 surplus for 2018.

She attributed a large chunk of that to unfilled staffing positions. The township has had a hard time finding employees, particularly for the community services department.

Council will decide how to spend the surplus as a future meeting.
(Minden Hills briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

Minden Hills news



Mayor Brent Devolin speaks at a Minden Hills council meeting. File photo.

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Dorset library update

The Haliburton County Library Board is asking Algonquin Highlands to give it until the end of the summer for the transition from the Dorset Library to a township-managed multi-functional community hub.

Algonquin Highlands has included costs for the change in its 2019 budget.

The township has proposed using book drop services in the new space. The service would be run by township staff and allow residents to order books online for delivery through the county library system.

A public survey, which found 59 per cent of respondents in favour of change, also included the possibility of a new reception area, moving four computers in, providing a lounge area and additional parking.

At council's April 18 meeting, the board via correspondence, recommended the branch "continue to operate at or near current levels until Aug. 31, 2019." In the interim, it said library staff will work with Algonquin Highlands staff "to implement this plan to ensure a smooth transition."

New truck for public works

Council has awarded the tender for a new, half ton crew cab 4x4 pickup.

Operations manager Adam Thorn said that over the last three years, staff have seen an increased need for another vehicle in the

maintenance department. He said they now schedule with other departments for the use of their vehicles to allow work on multiple projects through the day or week.

"An additional vehicle will eliminate the need for multiple daily drop-offs and pick-ups. This will increase efficiency and project completion timeframes," Thorn said.

Thorn said \$40,000 was approved in the 2019 budget for the purchase, from public works' budget equipment reserves.

He recommended council go with the lowest bidder, Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd., at an estimated price of \$43,756.80.

Lions want more bottle storage

The Dorset Lions Club is asking the township for help with its highly successful collection of wine, liquor and beer bottles for community projects.

For the last few years, the club has been collecting bottles at the Dorset Transfer Station and having The Beer Store pick them up. The returns' money has gone towards Lions' projects in the community.

Thorn said storage of large volumes of cans and bottles while waiting for The Beer Store to pick them up is presenting a challenge for the Lions.

They are asking council for: the installation of an additional 40-foot shipping container for storage and a key for site access during non-operating hours.

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Mayor Carol Moffatt says the new weight room is senior-friendly. *File photo.*

Thorn said a container requires a building permit, engineering report and a site plan.

Mayor Carol Moffatt and several councillors expressed concerns about issuing keys to any individual or group. The matter will be further discussed by staff with a way forward expected at a future council meeting.

Weight room proving popular

Manager of parks, recreation and trails Chris Card showed some photos of the newly-renovated weight and fitness room at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Now re-opened to the public, he said it's been well received, with some people switching memberships from other recreation centres.

He added they have been interviewing for a recreation attendant position to increase operating hours.

Coun. Julia Shortreed said she'd been getting a lot of questions about the centre, including people asking if it was open outside of work hours. Card said it was open evenings and weekends.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said, "The bottom line is just keeping people active. It's all senior friendly, which is terrific."

(AH news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Highlander business

Scott talks about 'whirlwind' time as minister

By Lisa Gervais

Laurie Scott said her Labour Ministry had so far found \$4B in annual savings in a "whirlwind" 10 months in office.

Scott, the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, spoke in Haliburton Tuesday to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast club.

"So far, it's \$4B but we want to do more," said Scott, who reminded a largely business crowd that she is surveying them and the public to "give us your input ... what you see that just doesn't make sense any more. It's time to modernize."

Some examples, she said, have been changes at the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, that have seen premiums come down an average 30 per cent for employers. She said that amounted to a \$1.45B savings. Changes to workplace training, such as online versus onsite, have also trimmed \$60M, she said.

She again spoke of Bill 148 reform, which she said "repealed job killing aspects," saving money for employers across the county.

She's also proud of her work on the double hatter portfolio, which now allows professional firefighters to also volunteer in the county. Her ministry is also tackling red tape around overtime hours across the province.

She again commented on the provincial budget. "We feel it strikes the right balance between fiscal responsibility and protecting

what matters most, and you all know we have a huge debt problem. We're carrying a \$343M mortgage payment. So, our plan puts us back on the path to balance while protecting core government services."

Scott said that she was still absorbing "how influential you can be as minister of labour. It's a big portfolio and how it impacts our communities here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock."

In a 17-minute talk, she also said the province was tackling regulations, making trades' changes, working on high-speed internet, had created 97,000 jobs, handled a university and power workers' strike and addressed Association of Municipalities of Ontario asks.

"Our goal is good public policy. We want to listen to you guys on the front lines who deal with employment regulations, whether it's the Employment Standards Act or the Labour Relations Act. We want to hear what changes, what modernizations, you suggest that we review."

"We just want a prosperous Ontario. We're moving in that direction. There's a lot more to do but you saw the budget. It's reasonable, it's practical applications. I mean there are so many exciting things that we can do further in many, many sectors. So, we want more jobs. If the economy is doing well, we do well and the Haliburton Highlands and our riding do well."

The chamber will be hosting the warden's breakfast on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 a.m., at the Sandy Lane Resort.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Minister of Labour Laurie Scott speaks at the chambers' breakfast club on Tuesday, April 23. Photo by Lisa Gervais

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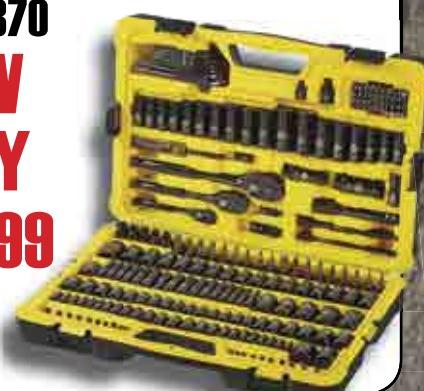
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Highlander people

A passing of the torch at Abbey Retreat Centre

By Lisa Gervais

When the Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) board was working towards holding their first cancer retreat in March of 2017, they recognized they needed some front office help.

Chair Joy Davey wanted someone to do a little bit of paperwork. Member Barb Bolin suggested Donna McCallum, a former CAO of Dysart et al, who was retired.

"So, I met with Joy and we just clicked," McCallum said just before officially stepping down from her role as executive director of ARC at a reception on April 14. New executive director, Doug Norris was formally introduced.

McCallum, who started the last week of January 2017, said the one thing she told Davey was, "I don't want to do meetings and I don't want to do minutes. Guess what?"

She did both, and so much more in her more than two years with ARC, taking her part-time paperwork role to a full-fledged executive-director position.

In an interview with *The Highlander*, McCallum said she was pleased Norris had been hired.

"The job outgrew me. I didn't want to spend 40 hours or more, and that's what it was taking. In order for the centre to grow, it needed somebody full-time to take on all the extras."

She said just taking care of the day-to-day operations of the centre did not afford time to get out into the community and that is something Norris can now do.

The centre offers free cancer retreats for up to 10 people approximately every

two months. To help support that mission, it has added programming, including a speaker series, yoga, and other events aimed at bringing people to the back of the property, as well as revenue to support the cancer retreats. They cost about \$10,000 a weekend.

McCallum said the vision continues to be around making ARC a wellness hub. They have also recently applied for charitable status and gotten a New Horizons for Seniors grant for their volunteer program.

Norris said he wants to educate people that ARC and Abbey Gardens and its food hub are two separate entities, although they both share the grounds with Haliburton Solar and Wind and Haliburton Highlands Brewing.

He said another thing he would like to do over the next year or two is boost the profile of the retreat centre.

"The core work is the cancer retreat. Everything else we do drives towards that. But we have to keep enough traffic in the centre, and revenue-generating traffic," he said.

"So, that's the key mandate for me in year one and two, just to be out there in the community and helping people to understand more about who we are, even as we're evolving and figuring out exactly what our work is going to be."

He said he thinks it's great that people are associating Haliburton County with a unique program that promotes how people can thrive with cancer. He added developing a wellness hub that supports a healthy local community also epitomizes the fight against cancer.



Donna McCallum and Doug Norris sit in the loungeroom of the Abbey Retreat Centre on Monday, April 11. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Norris, a United Church minister, has been a Maple Lake cottager for about 14 years and is finishing up a house here. His wife will join him soon. McCallum, meanwhile, heads back to retirement.

Norris commented on how McCallum's flexibility has been part of the success story. "To step in and respond when the need was 'just to do a little paperwork.' To carry it through to where the position was an emerging executive director role with that layer of responsibility. And to carry it that far and her willingness to go from

that point A to that point B. And what a privilege for me to step in and pick it up on that platform."

McCallum, who's parting gift was a bursary for retreat participants, said, "I will always feel this was a special time in my life as part of the team that helped to start the Abbey Retreat Centre; the board, the retreat team, the support staff, the volunteers ... all an important part of the team that have given so generously of their time and made the work I did so much easier."

SIRCH gets people ready for retail

SIRCH Community Services is in the midst of its second-ever Ready for Retail program run, which helps residents get the skills they need for customer service jobs over a 16-week course. Left to right: Program participants Cecilia Wingrove, Heather Betts, Matthew Parker and Corrine Bailey take a shift at SIRCH's Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton as part of their training April 23. This year, the program added placements at other stores throughout town, which Betts said helped land her a summer job. "It's great because I haven't worked in a long time. So if it wasn't for that, I don't know where I'd be," she said. The program participants are due to graduate May 13. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



Highlander environment

Getting the best out of a naturalized shoreline

By Joseph Quigley

Environmental consultant Julia Sutton told the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) there is more potential in naturalized shorelines than they might think.

Sutton spoke to more than 20 people at the Haliburton Highlands CFUW meeting April 19 about natural shorelines and landscape restoration.

She emphasized the benefits of natural shorelines for the environment and said there are a lot of misconceptions about making them.

"A lot of people think native plants are boring. That they're ugly. I've also heard a lot of 'it's too wild looking' and they're concerned about what their neighbours will think," Sutton said. "I'm here to tell you, you can do anything you want with native plants."

Sutton, who also runs an organic farm, said there are naturalized plants for anything people might need. She recommended careful consideration for how much land people use.

"Messy is best," Sutton said. "We don't like to hear the word at all, and I don't mean you have to let your place go to shambles with weeds. But it's that idea of tidying and maintaining where you need to and

letting things go wild where you can. Pollinators really need messy."

Sutton also suggested sourcing from native plant centres, not using chemicals like pesticides and making creature-friendly habitats such as insect hotels.

Sutton said natural shorelines are "the ribbon of life" and vital to the health of lakes and native species.

"The healthier your shoreline, the healthier your environment," she said. "What you're hoping is it will be more resilient to things like climate change."

CFUW programmer Deborah Ouellette said she organized the presentation because it is an important topic to a lot of people in the area.

"Our organization realizes what's going on and how important it is for future generations that we take care of our environment," she said. "It's one of the best presentations we've had this year."

"Climate change will affect every aspect of our lives and it's already starting," Sutton concluded. "We need to think beyond our generation and we also need to think beyond our species. All of our wildlife will need help and we really need to give them help."



Environmental consultant Julia Sutton speaks to a crowd of more than 20 people about natural shorelines April 19. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



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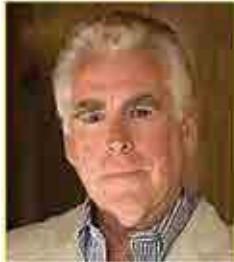
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Junior highlanders

Archie Stouffer students learn to cook for parents

By Joseph Quigley

Grade 8 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School got a taste of how to cook meals for others with the help of the Minden Food Bank.

Students capped off a seven-week cooking class by preparing a full meal for their parents April 17. The course, part of the student's health curriculum, taught students about meal preparation, kitchen safety and healthy eating.

Teacher Shannon Blanchard said the program also teaches lessons that go beyond the kitchen.

"It's been amazing," Blanchard said. "They've made appetizers, main meals, side dishes, desserts. It's building on those leadership skills (and) team building."

Student Ava Allaire said the course has been beneficial.

"I find I don't really cook at home and I feel like this course has just given me the opportunity to cook and learn new things," she said.

The Minden Food Bank has been involved in putting on the course with a grant from Feed Ontario for the past three years, according to former community kitchen manager Marilynne Lesperance. The food bank has used its industrial kitchen to teach students.

"They're good. I think they've learned a lot and I think most of them have been killing it," Lesperance said.

Students did their own shopping to prepare a full meal for their parents, which featured lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, broccoli with cheese sauce and cakes.

Talus Fox said it would be his first time cooking for his family.

"It's exciting for me. It's like a milestone in my life," he said.

Food bank volunteer Betty Mark said she used to teach a home economics class at Archie Stouffer, which is no longer offered.

"Since they got rid of the home-ec program, it's kind of nice to be able to work with kids, teaching them basic life skills," she said. "Sooner or later, they're going to have to fend for themselves and a lot of them don't know how to do that ... what we're hoping to do is provide them with healthy eating options."

"Everybody needs to eat," Blanchard said. "We need to know where our food comes from."



Archie Stouffer Elementary School students shop for ingredients to prepare a meal for their parents April 17 as part of a seven-week cooking course. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Council Meetings

Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

May 9 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 30 - Regular Meeting of Council

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December



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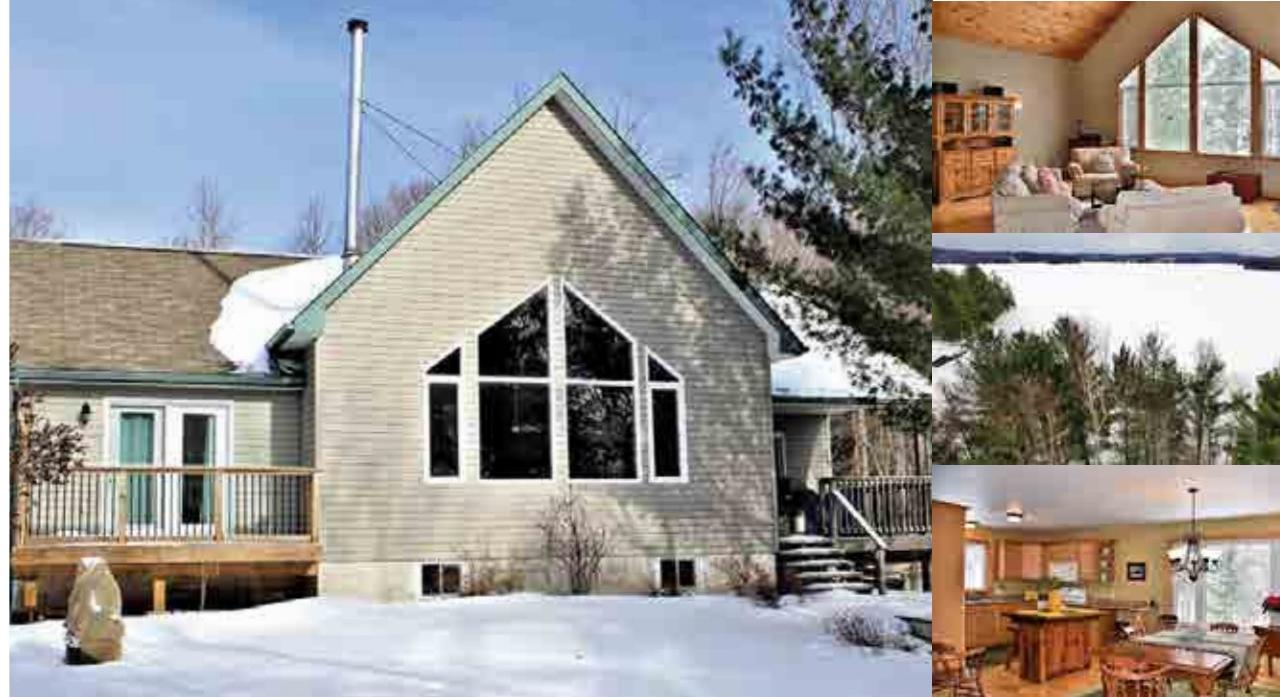
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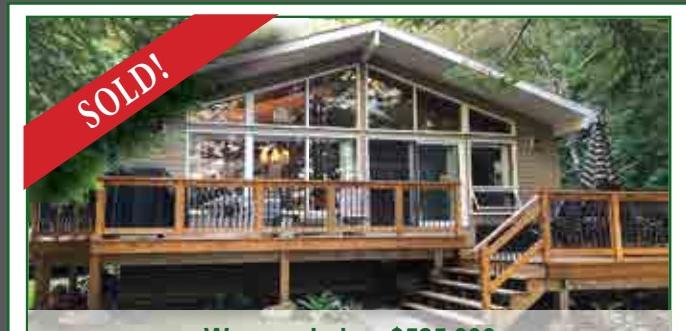
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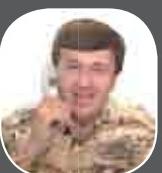
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Reece Ralph stands on the first-place podium after being crowned U19 Men's Ski Cross winner at Banff Sunshine Village the weekend before last. Submitted photo.

The Interview



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Haliburton County cottager and Sir's Sam's Ski and Bike fixture Reece Ralph has been ripping it up on the North American Cup ski cross circuit. Editor Lisa Gervais caught up with him for The Interview:

Q: Tell me a little bit about your background and where you got your start in the sport?

A: My family and I live in Oakville. We have been cottagers in the [Haliburton County] area for 11 years, spending all of our summers at the cottage throughout my formative years and spending every weekend skiing at Sir Sam's since I was eight. As of now, I am living and training with my team (Alberta Ski Cross) in Calgary. Later this month, we will move to Canmore for the Canada Ski Cross Talent ID camp during the first two weeks of May.

Q: So, you learned to ski at Sir Sam's?

A: I originally started to ski at a very small ski area called Glen Eden when I was very little, probably around four or five years old. Once we got the cottage and began skiing at Sir Sam's, that is when I really learned how to ski with the awesome instructors from the Sir Sam's ski school and coaching staff of Fenninger Racing. Because of the amazing support I have received from the Bishop family, and the impact Sir Sam's has had on me over the years, I proudly wear the Sir Sam's logo on my suit to bring a little bit of home wherever I go.

Q: How did the local races set you up for the recent successes?

A: As a kid, racing in the Sir Sam's challenge every Sunday taught me a lot about how to win and more importantly how to lose. Once I started racing ski cross on the Ontario Cup Circuit, it was a really big culture shock because I was the youngest racer on the circuit for a while and always had to race against older athletes because I was the only athlete in my category. In hindsight, it really prepared me to race in the professional circuits such as the North American

Cup because I wasn't only racing against older, more experienced athletes but would also be thrown into a heat with Olympians, such as legends and Olympic medalists such as Chris Delbosco, Brady Leman and Kevin Drury.

Q: Tell me about the latest wins and how you feel about them?

A: So far, my season has been a personal best for results in the North American Cup and my best overall finish in the circuit. I have had five top 10 finishes and finished 10th overall on the circuit. My most recent success of being named U19 Canadian national champion has been a huge personal goal of mine.

Q: Tell me about the day you won the Canadian Jr. Ski Cross Championship and finished 8th in the Canadian Ski Cross Championships at Banff Sunshine Resort?

A: It was a really exhausting day mentally for me because I had two game plans in the back of my mind to think about. If everything went to plan, and I made it into the top eight overall, I had the title in the bag and wouldn't need to race in the consolation heats. For me to do this, I needed to really fight and go head-to-head with members in my team who have been beating me all season and duke it out with members of the national team as well as Olympians. My first plan was to make it into the semi-finals which paid off thankfully and I didn't have to resort to my backup plan of pounding back an energy drink and hoping I had enough energy to advance through to the finals and win that heat.

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Trades news



Top: Evan Armstrong shoulders a heavy pack at the MNRF booth while Eric Formsma looks on. Bottom: Devonte Casey-Palmer and Lucas Graham get some building tips from Andrew Brown of Brown and Company. Photos by Lisa Gervais

Students get a taste of the trades at career day

By Lisa Gervais

As Devonte Casey-Palmer played with foam building blocks during the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) trades day in the high school gym, the Grade 7 student was thinking about his future.

"I've seen mostly family with some of this stuff ... my uncle owns a business that does this," he commented Tuesday (April 23) as Andrew Brown of Brown and Company showed him and fellow student Lucas Graham some building plans.

He's asked if he would consider a career in building and says "yeah. Because there's been a long history for me. I've been able to build things, especially with Lego. And, I'd like to own my own business one day."

On the other sides of the tables were booth holders, such as Jason Redner, a dietary manager at Extendicare.

He said it's good for students to learn about the variety of career options they have and to start thinking about what they want to do. He said they were telling students their line of work "makes you feel good because you are helping residents and seniors." He added there are a number of jobs at Extendicare with varying requirements and qualifications.

The HCHBA organized the second annual

career day.

Executive director Aggie Tose said they were very happy with the turnout and had great support from the teaching staff at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and principal Chris Boulay. Students from Grades 7-12 were invited.

"What I'd like them [students] to see, which we're going to promote a little more next year, is there are a number of people here working booths who are graduates of this high school and who have gone away to school and come back and now they're living and working in Haliburton County very successfully," she said.

"And I think that's what these young people need to know. There are jobs here in Haliburton County. They don't have to go away. They may have to go away for some schooling but there are places for them when they come back."

Tose said as early as elementary school, students need to learn in advance about the number of options that are available to them.

Today, Fleming Crew Employment Centre is holding a job fair at the Pinestone Resort from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Transportation can be arranged by contacting Fleming Crew at 705-457-2020 or flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca.

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Besides the new construction overall, the kitchen, bath, closet and entertainment cabinets are without question the biggest and most important purchase in the new home. According to the NKBA recent survey 25% of new home owners wish they had done their kitchen differently. On the follow up question 50% said they had no plan to make the fix, and the other 50% replied that they would save up and re do it in 10 years.

Kitchens are a huge investment so it is important to get it right the first time.

At the blueprint stage the home plans will likely have cabinet layouts all worked into the plan. This is a good time to work with a professional kitchen/cabinetry designer to get a fresh approach to the layouts. Your designer can help with so much more than just cabinets. A good designer can also help with master closet spaces, fireplace units and adjoining bookcases.

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Ice races raise \$5k for food bank

The Minden Kin Club donated \$5,000 to the Minden Food Bank April 17, raised through its winter ice races. Left to right: Kin Club member Dale Turton, club president Andy Rickard, food bank board chair Don Veno, food bank treasurer Max Ward. "This money was raised through the hard work of our volunteers," Rickard said. "We enjoyed a successful year of racing with a record number of participants." Photo by Joseph Quigley

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Highlander events



Students put exclamation mark on their year

Glass, movement pieces, pottery and plants were just some of the many amazing creations that were showcased at Haliburton School of Art & Design's end of year show. With 11 school programs that run at various times from September until April, there was something captivating for everyone who attended We Made It! (*Hannah Sadlier*)

Top: Aly McDonald, just back from showcasing her work in L.A., exhibits her work entitled "Body as Canvas." McDonald will graduate this May with her Visual and Creative Arts Diploma, as well as certificates in Drawing and Painting. Left: Can you feel The Groovement? Student Taylor Ray shows off her interactive dance room as she hopes to use her art and designs to captivate people to take time away from their busy lives and enjoy grooving with old friends and new ones. Ray will graduate with a diploma in Integrated Design, as well as a certificate in Digital Image Design. Right: Faculty, families, friends and the community came out last Thursday evening to celebrate another successful year at Haliburton School of Art & Design. Photos by *Hannah Sadlier*

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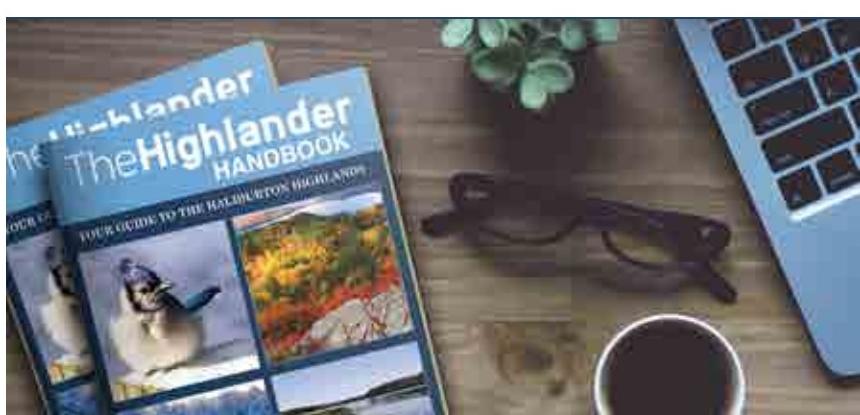
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Churches sing the story of Easter

Top: Scott Duggan took on the role of Jesus Christ for the musical The Choice during a performance by the Highland Hills United Church and Haliburton United Church choirs April 19. Middle: Actors perform the trial of Jesus during the musical. Bottom: The combined church choirs sing about a Roman soldier during the life of Jesus. The choirs performed at both churches. Photos by Joseph Quigley.



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Top picks for the most intuitive and well-equipped bookkeeping platforms that integrate with Square are: Bench, Xero, and Intuit QuickBooks Online.



ADVERTORIAL

Highlander events



Sticky fun at Wilberforce Maple Fest

Wilberforce staged its annual Maple Fest this past weekend. There was food, shopping, and fun activities for the kids. As usual, proceeds will go directly back into the community. Some of the money raised in 2019 will go towards new tables for the arena. The rest will help those who need support when renting houses in Highlands East. (*Hannah Sadlier*)

Julie Thorton and Lloyd Callfas served everyone as many pancakes, and sausages, as they could handle. *Photo by Hannah Sadlier.*

**Razzamataz
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Sunday, April 28, 2019
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so much for sending the Highlander to our home. We enjoy every issue and it keeps us in the loop when we aren't up at our cottage on Haliburton Lake.
- The Barkers.

Highlander events



JDH gets hopping for egg hunt

Top: J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students spread far and wide to hunt for Easter eggs in the schoolyard April 17. Hailey Davison, Semaia Stewart and Hannah Sharp hold up the eggs they found. Left:- Dozens of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students rush from a basketball court to hunt for Easter eggs in the schoolyard April 17. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING YOGA BY DONATION

The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico Yoga have teamed up to offer yoga classes Wednesday mornings in the loft of the Village barn in Haliburton, from 7:30-8:30am. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to local charities.

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In Loving Memory of
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Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, April 19, 2019. In her 90th year.

Beloved wife of the late Ronald J. Robinson Sr. Dear mother of Terry-Lee (deceased), Ron (Marlene), Doug (Joanne), Robert (Susan), Linda (Bernie), Marnie (Mike), Dorothy Anne (Bill). Loving grandmother of Amanda, Tim, Chris, Curtis, Andrea, Jeff, David, Kim and great grandmother of Hayley, Nickalaus, Madison, Layne, Naomi, Hunter, Kaydence, Ethan, Collin, Tory, Kaylee and Alyssa. Predeceased by her parents Henry and Susan Woodroffe and by her brother Melville and by her sister Elsie. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

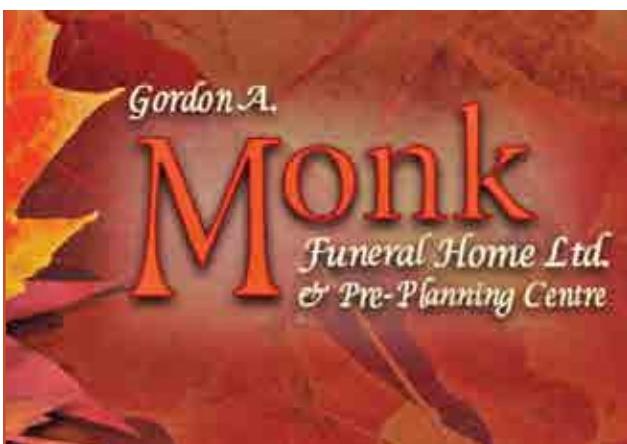
Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Dorothy’s Life at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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PASSED AWAY APRIL 27, 2018

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Are a pleasure to recall.
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And died beloved by all.
Someday we hope to meet him
Someday, we know not when,
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*Love Sylvia, Kandra, Ken Jr., Donald,
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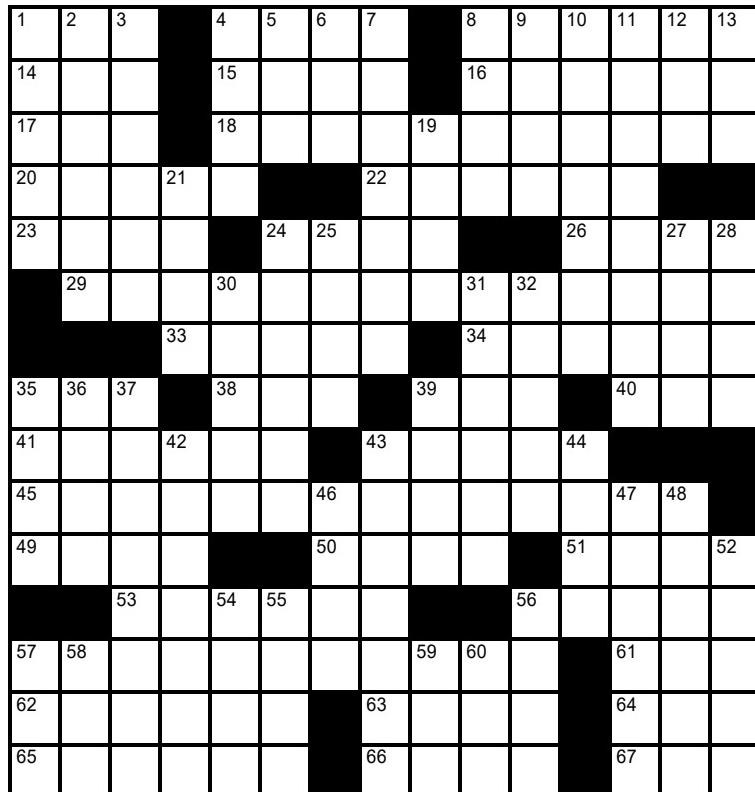
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Across

- 1 Big initials in hockey gear
- 4 Lemon rind, in recipes
- 8 Happen to
- 14 Booze bottle abbr.
- 15 Snow Queen in "Frozen"
- 16 "Because" follower
- 17 Fuel pump choice: Abbr.
- 18 Yoga pose for a sty dweller?
- 20 Root beer brand
- 22 Prince Willy's mom
- 23 Editor's "leave it in"
- 24 Russian pancake
- 26 Type of verb: Abbr.
- 29 Sty dweller's appy pairing party?
- 33 Cut or copy mate, in editing
- 34 Numerous
- 35 "Kapow!"
- 38 See 25-Down
- 39 "That feels s-o-o good"
- 40 Bacon frying sound
- 41 Oxycodone, e.g.
- 43 Question period following Question Period, for the media
- 45 Sty dweller at college?
- 49 Ecuador's southern neighbour
- 50 Popularity gauge on Google
- 51 Envelope add-ins: Abbr.
- 53 Whom Vonnegut asked "What does it feel like to know everything?"
- 56 Shoelace tip
- 57 March-April zodiac sign, to a sty dweller?
- 61 ___ pinch (if necessary)
- 62 Funk, blues and soft rock, e.g.
- 63 She "talks like a man" in a Kinks' song
- 64 Canadian steakhouse, with "the"
- 65 Short gig for a bar band
- 66 Tchaikovsky ballet bird
- 67 Handy Scrabble tile

Down

- 1 Bread starches, in brief
- 2 Golf green grippers
- 3 Robert Service's "The Shooting of Dan ___"
- 4 Central puzzle pieces?
- 30 Pact Trump vowed to rip up
- 31 Cyclist/speedskater Hughes, and others
- 32 "Meh"
- 35 Hale's comet co-finder



- 5 "The Diary of Horace Wimp" band
- 6 Vane dir.
- 7 Nude sunbather's lack
- 8 Wall around Saskatchewan's parliament?
- 9 Like "Goosebumps" books
- 10 Gwyneth Paltrow detox plan, say
- 11 Anemic look
- 12 Where to go in England?
- 13 Fuel "pumped" by B.C.'s Chrisy Clark
- 19 "Abracadabra!" stick
- 21 Cotton swab brand
- 24 Get noticed
- 25 Library penalty, with 38-Across
- 27 General ___ chicken (Chinese dish)
- 28 Targets of fan abuse, at times
- 36 "...blackbirds baked in ___"
- 37 Pain preceded by an aura, sometimes
- 39 Chequing or savings: Abbr.
- 42 Humorous types
- 43 Acts the whiner
- 44 Video file format
- 46 "Pick me! Pick me!"
- 47 Retract a thumbs-up, on Facebook
- 48 Public brawls, say
- 52 Does' dears
- 54 "Got it"
- 55 ___ Elias (Canada's second highest peak)
- 56 "I'm ___ , but I can change ..." (Red Green)
- 57 In the past
- 58 Stimpy's sidekick
- 59 "In what way?"
- 60 "Carte" start



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HELP WANTED



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking the following **Full Time** position:

NEW POSITION - Deputy Treasurer

Reporting to the Director of Finance/Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer provides assistance in the implementation of financial goals and objectives, as well as the day-to-day financial functions relative to general accounting requirements, human resource, payroll and employee benefit and pension administration.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Proficiency in general accounting and finance related functions and concepts.
- Demonstrated knowledge of accounting and database software programs.
- Proficiency and experience with word processing (MS Word), spreadsheets (MS Excel), and presentation (MS PowerPoint) software.
- Thorough knowledge of and skill base in office functions.
- Flexible, adaptable and responsive to change.
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision.
- Excellent planning, time-management multi-tasking and organizational skills.
- A preferred knowledge of human resource, payroll, benefit and pension administration principles, processes, procedures, policies, directives.

The ideal candidate will possess:

- A Degree in Business Administration/Commerce or post-secondary education, combined with a professional accounting designation (CPA-CGA, CA, CMA).
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience in general accounting and finance functions.
- A preferred minimum of one (1) year experience in payroll, benefit, pension administration and Human Resource on-boarding related functions.
- Previous experience in Municipal accounting processes and practices, including PSAB standards, is an asset.
- Completion of a post-secondary diploma/certification in Human Resources Management, or willingness to complete is an asset.
- Familiarity with Municipal taxation, accounts payable, accounts receivable and banking processes and procedures is an asset.

Salary will commensurate with experience and skills.

Prior to the final selection for this position, the candidate shall be required to provide, at their own expense, a clear Police Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check from the Ontario Provincial Police.

Please refer to the Position Description for further requirements and accountabilities, obtained in person at the Administration building, 2nd floor, on our website at www.mindenhillsc.ca, by calling 705-286-1260 ext. 313 or by emailing sprentice@mindenhillsc.ca. Please note that this position description is pending pay equity review.

This is an open call for applications until the position has been filled. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience to:

Employment Opportunity
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Township of Minden Hills
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Attention: Shannon Prentice, Deputy Clerk, or email
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We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you are contacted by the Township of Minden Hills regarding a job opportunity or testing please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially. Persons with a disability preventing them from applying on-line should contact the Clerk's Department at 705-286-1260 to discuss alternative solutions.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

Windows / Door Replacement Tender

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking sealed bids from those interested in replacing selected windows and door at the following two locations;

Township Office, 1023 North Shore Road.
Stanhope Library, 1109 North Shore Road.

Closing date: Friday May 24, 2019 at 3:00pm

Tender and submission documents can be found at
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EVENTS

DRAGON BOAT PADDLERS WANTED. The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are holding an open house Sunday May 5 at 2 pm. at the Fish Hatchery (Gelert Rd). New members are welcome. For more info call Joannie 705-817-7761.

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A wet morning of laughter and eggs

A cold, rainy morning didn't stop families from participating in the Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited 5th annual Easter egg hunt last Friday. The more than 200 participants enjoyed face painting, balloon creations, flower planting, egg hunting and much more. Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited, Todd's Independent and Minden Canadian Tire, were all involved in this year's hunt. All proceeds from the morning's event went towards Canadian Tire's Jump Start program. (*Hannah Sadlier*)

Top: With the ribbon finally cut, families race towards the eggs in hopes of finding one of the special car eggs for one of the ultimate prizes. Left: Kids on the hunt. Right: Rylan Pilgrim is all smiles as she and her dad try to fill her basket with as many eggs as it will hold. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier*

What's On

APRIL/ MAY 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

EVERY FRIDAY, Feb 22 – Apr 20

9 a.m. – Noon. - Volunteer Income Tax filing for 2018, at Haliburton Legion.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Mar 6 – Apr 25

2 – 3:30 p.m. – Volunteer Income Tax filing for 2018, at Wilberforce Legion.

April 9 – June 25 – Free Falls Prevention Course for Seniors.

Registration required. Contact HHHS Community Support Services at 705-457-2941, or email infocc@hhhs.ca. Running Tuesdays and Thursdays in Haliburton (11 a.m. – noon, Lakeside Church), Wilberforce (1 – 2 p.m., Keith Tallman Arena) and Minden (10 – 11 a.m., Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest).

Thursday April 25

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in at Wilberforce Legion

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Haliburton County Job Fair, at Pinestone Resort

Friday April 26

9 a.m. – noon – Social Recreation drop in program for seniors, at Highland Hills United Church, Minden.

Saturday April 27

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Spring Maplefest, all you can eat pancake/sausage brunch & bake sale, Lochlin United Church.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Earth Day Celebrations at Gooderham Community Centre.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Square Canada: Digital Cottage Country boot camp. Sign up to attend at digitalcottagountry.ca.

2:30 p.m. – Razzamataz Shadow Puppet Workshop for all ages at Dysart library branch. Admission by donation, phone 705-457-2241 to register.

5 p.m. – Maple Lake United Church Ham Dinner, located at Hwy 118 & Stanhope Airport Rd.

Sunday April 28

1 – 3 p.m. – "Let's Get Rolling", Haliburton Real Easy Ryders kick-off, at the Minden Community Centre.

Tuesday April 30

Noon – 2 p.m. – Cook it Up! FREE three-course lunch, at Molly's Bistro Bakery, Minden

May 2 – 4

St. Anthony of Padua Church is hosting a Holy Spirit retreat for the community, an opportunity to reflect on the gifts and the fruits of the spirit in our lives. Join us for discussions, prayer, a pot luck dinner following Saturday mass, speakers, presentations and a play by Sister Nancy Murray. Contact Jean Schicklin-Tyler 705-457-2214.

Thursday May 2

7 p.m. – Sr. Nancy Murray OP, performs a one-woman play on Sr. Dorothy Stang, missionary of Brazil. Takes place at Lakeside Church, 9 Park St., Haliburton. Suggested donation \$10 at the door.

7 – 8:30 p.m. – Storytelling Gathering, at Canoe FM Radio Hall, Haliburton. Interested in telling and/or hearing stories, or perhaps learning how to tell a story? Join us at the inaugural meeting of a storytelling group forming in Haliburton. Jim Blake and Fay Wilkinson will kick off the event with a story or two, you are invited to bring a story too if you wish. For more info call Bob at 705-457-8617.

May 3 & 4

TRA4X Breast Cancer ATV Ride, at Pinestone Resort Haliburton. Benefiting the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation, this Co-ed ATV Event is spread out over two days of fun riding! Please visit our website to register and obtain more information. <http://www.tra4bc.com>

Saturday May 4

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends, featuring Don Stiver and his steel guitar, at the Minden Legion. Light lunch available from noon – 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m. No cover charge.

Sunday May 5

1 – 3 p.m. – Buttons, Bracelets & Beads - Visible Voices Studio invites you to our second Creative Interlude of the season. Kyla will introduce you to the heritage art of crochet. Bring along an interested friend or young person interested in learning about this enduring craft. Admission by donation. More info and registration at visiblevoicesstudio.com.

7:30 p.m. – Highlands Festival Singers, directed by Melissa Stephens, are welcoming the warmer weather with "Sure On This Shining Night". A beautiful evening of song featuring the exquisite music of Morten Lauridsen, with special guests The Highland Brass. Taking place at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden. Tickets \$15, available at Minden Pharmasave and Cranberry Cottage Haliburton.

Tuesday May 7

Noon – 2 p.m. – Cook it Up! FREE three-course lunch, at Molly's Bistro Bakery, Minden. Cook it Up is a training program that helps participants to gain skills in the food services industry. Lunches take place every Tuesday from March 12th – May 7th.

Thursday May 9

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in at Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd. Join us for colouring, board games, tech time & makers space, light fitness, and guest speaker Beth Archibald – advanced care planning. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

Sundays: Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rci129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday- every second week rug hooking;

Tuesday - seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre

1 p.m.; **Wednesday**, meat draw noon;

Thursday - mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.;

Friday - 7 p.m. mixed darts; **Saturday** - meat draw 1 p.m.; **Sunday** - sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.- Fri with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Wing night 5-9 p.m. Jam Session 7:30 p.m. to close

Saturday Meat draw 2-5 p.m. - Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp

Sunday Open 1-6 p.m.

Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m.

If you are planning an event book with the Legion – Our L.A. do an excellent job of catering. Call the branch to arrange 705-448-2221

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What's on



The Haliburton School of Arts and Design is readying itself for its summer season with registrations open for the more than 300 courses running. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

HSAD brings new courses for summer of art

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton School of Arts and Design (HSAD) will have plenty of new courses as it opens its doors for summer workshops starting June 24.

The school will offer more than 50 new courses for the season, including Indigenous history, symbolism and art, pottery, macramé and knitting with copper wire. In total, more than 300 short courses are running.

School dean Shelley Schell said the new courses are important for returning students.

"I would say a little over 40 per cent are returning students, and we need to have something fresh and new," Schell said. "It just keeps the program dynamic."

Schell said registrations are high this year, with a record 700 on the first day. She credited that to the re-introduction of online registrations.

"The school has a very good reputation in terms of quality and variety," Schell said. "The second factor is the Haliburton Highlands ... people love to be here."

Rhoda Payne is introducing a new course on scaling up painting, in which students will learn to work with larger surfaces.

"It's really a unique opportunity. I don't know any schools that offer that," Payne said.

She said she has participated in many of HSAD's summer courses for more than 10 years as a student.

"I absolutely love it. I go back

every summer," Payne said. "For people from the city, it's a wonderful opportunity to get away, be close to nature, to calm, to quiet and to beauty, and just totally immerse yourself in your work."

Registrations are open until the courses take place and can be done through hsad.ca or by contacting the school at shelley.schell@flemingcollege.ca.

Schell said the courses are accessible to everyone.

"People shouldn't be daunted or afraid to try their hand at something creative," Schell said. "It's a really valuable pursuit in terms of just general well-being. A creative experience is important and it's good for people."



FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019
HALIBURTON CURLING CLUB at 7 pm
NEW GOLFERS WELCOME
TO JOIN: Register at Icebreaker Tee
PAYMENT BY CHEQUE ONLY
COST: \$40 annual dues and **DISCOUNTED** Green Fees
PLAY: 9 holes, Tuesday afternoons/evenings rotating at Blairhampton, Pinestone, Haliburton Highlands, Lakeside and Beaverbrook Golf Courses.
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hhwgl.ca or call Lynne Brady at 705-887-4230



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Saturday, May 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Early spring plants are a beautiful and welcome sign that the seasons are changing! Join Belinda Gallagher and Margaret Dobrzensky to explore the woods and fields of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. We'll hike the trails, learn about the sustainable harvesting of leeks, and observe many spring wildflowers.

Please register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca Admission by donation.

Location: Barnum Creek Nature Reserve



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Grass Lake



Paradise found! Stunning 4BR, 2 Bath year-round home/cottage. Walking distance to amenities. Stone Fireplace. Oak cabinetry, large windows and more. Level lot with 625ft of frontage. Panoramic view of Grass Lake. Prime location with the perfect price. **\$699,000**

Twelve Mile Lake



Open concept custom built 3 BR 3 Bath home. Floor to ceiling window providing stunning lake views. Large bright kitchen & fully finished lower level. 3 season cedar screened in porch. This home is finished with protection! **\$575,000**

Soyers Lake



Perfectly situated between Haliburton and Minden villages. On a quiet shallow bay on Soyers Lake. 3BR 1Bath. Surrounded by mature trees on a quiet court. Open concept, bright eat-in kitchen & sunken living area. Over-sized garage and storage shed A must see! **\$499,000**

Kashagawigamog Lake



Recently renovated 2 BR, 2 Bath home/cottage situated on Haliburton's five lake chain. Open concept with wood cabinetry. Sit back, relax and enjoy a beautiful view from the new deck or great swimming off the dock. NW exposure takes in great sunsets! This "turn-key" cottage is a pleasure to show. Call our Team today! **\$558,000**.

Paudash Lake



Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Ac forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades & meticulously cared for. **\$649,000**

Haliburton Acreage



NEW LISTING
BURKES ROAD
Nicely treed private 7.29 acre lot. Level land with a gradual slope at the back of lot. Conducive to a walk out basement. Hydro available. **\$79,900**



HARBURN ROAD
Beautifully wooded grounds providing ample privacy. 44 Acre lot conveniently located close to Haliburton Village. Year Round access **\$108,000**



NEW LISTING
BURNT RIVER
Enjoy nature and privacy! 18-acre lot with 711 ft of frontage on Burnt River. A hunter or sportsman's dream. The perfect quiet location to build your dream home/cottage. Hydro available at Glamorgan Road. . **\$68,000**



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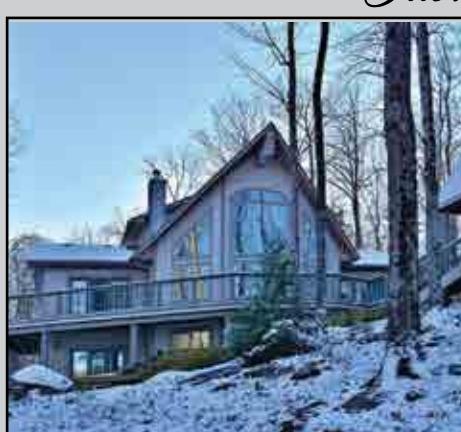
Little Kennisis Lake



3BR, 3 Bath waterfront home/cottage with 250 ft of frontage on popular Little Kennisis Lake. Double car garage, level lot, outdoor shower. Shallow sand bottom beach and large deck. Master loft with stunning southern views. With loads of upgrades this "turn Key" home has everything your family needs. **\$1,249,000**



Otter Lake



Breathtaking custom built 3BR waterfront home or cottage. Very private, 462 ft of frontage and 67 ac on small lake with great bass fishing. Impressive design & finishing's. Great room with Granite fireplace, cathedral ceiling. Full finished lower level with walk out. Triple garage **\$1,080,000**



Haliburton Lake



SOLD!
Private 3 season cottage on a level lot. Over-sized dbl garage. Additional living space in 400 sq ft bunkie. Finished with pine ceilings and walls throughout. Lrg brick fireplace. Open concept living with w/o to deck. Sand beach with 110 ft of frontage. **\$829,000**



Drag Lake Home



Stunning 3BR ,3Bath water front home or cottage perfectly situated on a private 1.91 acres. Overlooking popular Drag Lake with 400 ft of frontage. Updates large kitchen, built-in appliances and high-end fixtures. Massive master BR with covered porch. Attractive home! **\$1,475,000**

